

I believe that Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent news operation consolidations and partisan actions have illustrated the dangers to localism caused by media consolidation as well as revealing a bias that approaches state-sponsored media.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves without charge for spectrum use, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest, not special interests or the current administration. But recent evidence suggests that, when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their bottom line and less of the diversity of opinion that we need for maintaining our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them.

Thank you.